

NORBLAD SAYS HE'LL APPOINT

Governor Not to Wait to Let Meier Fill in Gaps as of Jan. 1, 1931

Any vacancies in state offices prior to January 12 will be filled by Governor Norblad and will not be left open for appointment by the Meier administration, according to announcement made at the executive department here Friday.

Records in the executive office show that the terms of approximately a dozen state officials will expire prior to January 12. The most important of these are state corporation commissioner and the office of state public service commissioner now held by Frank J. Miller of Albany. Friends of Governor Norblad said that Mark D. McCallister, state corporation commissioner, probably would be reappointed when his term expires January 1.

Miller announced recently that he would not seek reappointment although he would not refuse to serve in case he was asked to continue in office. Both McCallister and Miller were appointed by the late Governor Patterson.

Even though McCallister and Miller are reappointed by Governor Norblad they could be removed by Julius Meier, the governor-elect. Miller's term expires January 5.

Other officials whose terms expire January 1 are:

Child Welfare commission—Estes Snedecor, Mrs. Henry L. Corbett, Mrs. Frederick Strong, all of Portland.
Chiropractic examining board—Dr. William H. Deveney, Portland, and Dr. S. F. Scott, Salem.
Board of conciliation—W. E. Kinney, Portland.
Embalmers examining board—E. G. Swink, Portland.
Industrial welfare commission—Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Portland.
Horticultural society—C. A. Reed, Hood River.
Board of vocational education—E. G. Bates, Gearhart.

The terms of George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner, and Seymour Jones, state market agent, are indefinite and they can be removed by Governor-elect Meier at any time after he assumes office. The term of Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, expires in June, 1931.

JULIUS MUST NOT BOTHER AL'S WORK

Alterations in the executive offices, as proposed by Julius L. Meier, governor-elect, will have to wait until after January 12, according to announcement made here Thursday by Governor Norblad.

W. C. Knighton, Portland architect, appeared at the executive department today, and requested permission of Governor Norblad to proceed with the remodeling operations. Governor Norblad objected on the grounds that he was writing his message to the legislature and did not want to be disturbed by the carpenters and other workmen. He also informed Knighton that he had a large number of important conferences scheduled during the next two weeks, that would necessitate the use of his private office.

The proposed alterations include the installation of a private lavatory and cloak room. This will necessitate cutting off approximately nine feet of the governor's private office.

Knighton told Governor Norblad that the governor-elect has objected to using the public lavatory on the second floor of the statehouse.

Insurance Agent License Within Lee's Discretion

The revocation of a license of an insurance agent is an original proceeding and is wholly within the discretion of the state insurance commissioner, according to a legal opinion handed down by the attorney general here yesterday. The revocation is not dependent upon any action of a grand jury.

The opinion was requested by Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, in connection with the recent grand jury investigation of M. H. Packhouse of Portland, agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. It was alleged that Packhouse falsified the records of the insurance company, but the grand jury refused to take any action against the accused agent.

Norblad Thinks Expense Law Bad

Governor Norblad indicated Friday that he might recommend to the 1931 legislature the repeal of the corrupt practices law, which has been in operation in Oregon for many years. The governor said the act apparently encouraged rather than restricted expenditures in political campaigns.

Contest Winner Named This Eve

Some boy will be made happy this evening when the winner of the bicycle is announced by Harry W. Scott, local cycle man. Each year Mr. Scott places a bicycle in one of his display windows at 147 South Commercial street. The wheel is driven by a motor for 14 hours each day.

1250 Extra Jobs Ready When Highway Heads Put New Program Into Effect

The state highway commission, after a series of conferences with Governor Norblad, yesterday announced that it would speed up improvements on the state highways through the employment of approximately 1250 additional crews. Machinery now used by the highway commission will be replaced by hand labor.

The purpose of the innovation in state highway operations is to relieve the unemployment situation, which was reported as acute in all sections of the state. Only residents of Oregon will be employed by the highway commission, and men with dependents will be given preference. The work outlined by the commission includes widening of roadbeds, ditching, cutting brush and other similar operations. Each of the additional crews will be composed of 25 men.

The highway operations will be located near the larger cities and communities so that the men can return to their homes at night. No camps will be established. The work will begin simultaneously in all parts of the state.

Registration Planned
Registration of those needing employment is to be made through the county courts. All persons registered must show that they are bona fide residents of the state or county, and that they are in need of employment. If a greater number of applications are received than can be handled for it may be necessary to divide up the work so that the groups may be employed three

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the wheel will have run 199 1/2 hours.

At that time the sealed speedometer will be opened, the guesses compared by Scott and his crew and the winner announced.

SILCOTT RITES HELD

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 13.—The funeral of Valentine S. Silcott, who died in Monmouth Tuesday, was held from the Keeney funeral home Thursday. Interment was in the Knights of Pythias cemetery south of here.

ATTEND PARTY
ZENA, Dec. 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Henry accompanied by Mrs. W. N. Crawford and daughter Wilma, all of Zena, attended the party given by the Loyalty class of the Calvary Baptist church in Salem Tuesday evening. Mrs. Henry gave humorous reading, "The Afflicted Family."

days each week. Otherwise the crews will work on a six day a week schedule.

Officials made it plain that the program is considered an emergency, and will continue for only three months. The wages to be paid will be moderate, but sufficient to provide real help to those in need. H. B. Vanduser, chairman of the state highway commission, will explain the employment program at a meeting of county judges and commissioners to be held in Portland Saturday. A registration chairman will be selected in each county in Oregon and the application of every person seeking employment will be checked. No man will be employed unless he receives the recommendation of the county registration officer or board.

The plan for the emergency employment campaign originally was taken by the state labor employment commission composed of Governor Norblad, C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, and Mr. Vanduser. Mr. Vanduser is chairman of the commission.

ROBBERS GET SAFE BUT NO MONEY

RICKEY, Dec. 12.—Some one entered the service station of A. E. LaBranch Tuesday night and stole the safe. It was dragged about a block where it was left. The robbers were apparently frightened by an approaching car before they had a chance to open it. There was over \$100 in the safe.

Independence O. E. S. Elects

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 12.—Adah chapter of the O. E. S. held its regular meeting Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall. The following officers for the coming year were elected:

Mrs. T. J. Edwards, worthy matron; Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, worthy patron; Mrs. J. G. McIntosh, associate matron; P. M. Switzer, associate patron; Mrs. Stella Calbreath, secretary; Mrs. John Forman, treasurer; Mrs. Homer Dodds, conductress; Mrs. Lillian Hiltbrand, associate conductress.

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Beacon part wool double Blankets, Plaids, plain with border, satin bound. Large size

\$3.95

Christmas Special!

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\$1.98

Christmas Special!

Men's Red Robin Ties

79c

Grouped here is a selection of the season's most popular fur styles outstanding in a year when furs mean more than ever before. In the afternoon, for evening, at the opera, for formal or informal wear the well-dressed woman will be dressed in fur.

Coats, silhouetted, fitted and flared to accentuate the individual loveliness makes furs at these prices an epochal event destined to be the outstanding Fur Sensation of the year. Hudson Seal, Japanese Weasel, Caracul, Muskrat and Galyak Pony are among the favorites for those who appreciate beauty in Fashions.

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